GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2656
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2005
PILGRIMAGE TOURISM
Thomas Shri P.C.

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to encourage Pilgrimage Tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Sabarimala, Malayattor, Manjanikkara, Varkala, Erumeli, Kanjiramattom in Kerala are attracting more pilgrimages every year; and if so, the details thereof and the financial assistance provided to the State Government during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism, during the 10th Plan period, has been assisting the State Governments for the development of infrastructure under its scheme of Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits and Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations based on the receipt of project proposals, merit of the project, inter-se-priority and availability of funds. The scope of the schemes includes pilgrimage sites also .

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The details of the financial assistance provided to the State Government during the current financial year upto 30.12.2004 are placed at Annexure.

ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2656 FOR 21.3.2005 REGARDING PILGRIMAGE TOURISM

STATE-WISE TOURISM PROJECTS SANCTIONED DURING THE YEAR 2004-2005 (up-to 31.12.2004)

2004-05 (upto 31.12.2004)

Sl.No	State/UT	No.of project Sanctioned	Amount Sandioued	Amount Released
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11	2750.81	2191.92
2.	Assam	6	955.88	742.10
3	Arunachal Pradesh	6	1285.70	905.52
4.	Bihar	7	1901.23	1527.55
5	Chattisarh	4	1086.26	869.01
6	Goa	2	10.00	8.00
7	Gjarat	2	138.93	111.14
8	Harvana	5	678.55	501.64
9	Himachal Pradesh	5	2620.00	1736.00
10	J&K	2	805.00	644.00
11	Jharkhand	1	474.97	379.97
12	Karnataka	8	2432.76	1914.37
13	Kerala	5	2148.63	1718.88
14	Madhva Pradesh	8	1285.46	783.03
15	Maharashtra	6	1576.38	1260.10
16	Manipur	0	0.00	0.00
17	Mejaya	2	963.30	807.91
18	Mizoram	3	1081.28	927.09
19	Nagaland	5	2165.69	1731.40

20	Orissa	5	1316.48	999.69
2]	Puniab	4	846.41	561.26
22	Rajasthan	2	39.31	31.45
23	Sikkim	6	1005.81	805.13
24	Tamilnadu	6	876.92	702.72
25	Tripura	0	0.00	0.00
26	Uttaranchal	3	1412.93	1125.56
27	Uttar Pradesh	7	1037.43	825.19
28	West Benal	5	480.04	384.03
29	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0.00	0.00
30	Chandirh	1	457.00	365.60
31	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0	0.00	0.00
32	Delhi	1	500.00	400.00
33	Daman & Diu	0	0.00	0.00
34	Lakshadweep	0	0.00	0.00
35	Pondicherry	2	451.00	360.00
	Total	130	32784.16	25320.26